



SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

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MARCUS MANNING,

Plaintiff,

- against -

HEATHER M. CHARTER and  
PRESTIGE OF RAMSEY, INC.,

Defendants.  
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INDEX NO. **2007 7412**  
DATE PURCHASED: 10-26-07

**SUMMONS**

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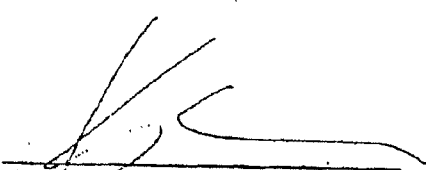
Plaintiff resides in  
Poughkeepsie, New York

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to  
serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to  
serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the  
service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the  
service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of  
New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken  
against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York  
October 25, 2007

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KEITH S. RINALDI, P.C.  
BY: KEITH S. RINALDI  
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The Rinaldi Building  
10 Arlington Avenue  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603-1604  
(845) 471-3000

TO:  
HEATHER M. CHARTER  
7924B Cottage Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19136  
  
PRESTIGE OF RAMSEY, INC.  
1000 Route 17 North  
Ramsey, NJ 07446

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VERIFIED COMPLAINT

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Plaintiff, complaining of the defendants, by his attorneys, KEITH S. RINALDI,  
P.C., respectfully alleges:

1. At all times hereinafter mentioned, the plaintiff, MARCUS MANNING, was and is a resident of the County of Dutchess, State of New York.
2. Upon information and belief, at all times hereinafter mentioned, the defendant, HEATHER M. CHARTER, was and is a resident of the State of Pennsylvania.
3. Upon information and belief, at all times hereinafter mentioned, the defendant PRESTIGE OF RAMSEY, INC., was and is a domestic corporation existing in the State of New Jersey.
4. At all times hereinafter mentioned, the plaintiff, MARCUS MANNING, was a pedestrian crossing the street, on Main Street, in the City of Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess, State of New York.
5. Upon information and belief, at all times hereinafter mentioned, the defendant, HEATHER M. CHARTER, was the operator of a certain 2007 Lexus vehicle bearing New Jersey State license plate number LDRC89 and operated said vehicle with the knowledge, consent and permission of the defendant, PRESTIGE OF RAMSEY, INC.
6. Upon information and belief, at all times hereinafter mentioned, the defendant, PRESTIGE OF RAMSEY, INC. was the owner of the 2007 Lexus vehicle bearing New Jersey State license plate number LDRC89.

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7. Upon information and belief, at all times hereinafter mentioned, Main Street, in the City of Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess, State of New York was and is a public highway.

8. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Main Street, in the City of Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess, State of New York was and is the site of the accident referred to herein.

9. That on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007, the defendants were negligent, reckless and careless in the ownership, operation and control of the aforesaid 2007 Lexus vehicle causing same to hit the plaintiff, MARCUS MANNING, a pedestrian, thereby damaging the plaintiff as hereinafter alleged.

10. That the aforesaid accident was caused solely by the negligence of the defendants without any negligence on the part of the plaintiff contributing thereto.

11. That the limited liability provisions of CPLR 1602 do not apply pursuant to one or more of the exceptions of CPLR 1602, including but not limited to: relative to any liability arising by reason of a non-delegable duty or by reason of the doctrine of respondeat superior; and/or relative to actions requiring proof of intent; and/or relative to any person held liable for his use, operation, or ownership of a motor vehicle or motorcycle; and/or relative to any person held liable for causing plaintiff's injury by having acted with reckless disregard for the safety of others; and/or relative to any person held liable by reason of the applicability of article ten of the labor law.

12. That as a result of the aforesaid accident and the negligence of the defendants, the plaintiff, MARCUS MANNING, sustained a "serious injury" as defined in Section 5102(d) of the Insurance Law of the State of New York.

13. That as a result of the aforesaid accident and the negligence of the defendants, the plaintiff, MARCUS MANNING, was rendered sick, sore, lame and disabled, and, upon information and belief, permanently so, all to his damage in an amount of excess of the jurisdictional limits of all other courts having jurisdiction of this matter.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff, MARCUS MANNING, demands judgment against the defendants, in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional limits of all other courts having jurisdiction in this matter together with the costs and disbursements of this action, and for such other relief as the Honorable Court may deem just and proper.


Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York  
October 25, 2007

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KEITH S. RINALDI, P.C.  
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(845) 471-3000

TO:

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Prestige of Ramsey, Inc.  
1000 Route 17 North  
Ramsey, NJ 07446

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I, the undersigned, an attorney admitted to practice in the courts of New York State,

☒ certify that the within  
has been compared by me with the original and found to be a true and complete copy;  
☐ state that I am  
the attorney(s) referred for  
action; I have read the foregoing  
and know the contents thereof and know the contents thereof;  
the same is true to my own knowledge, except as to the matters therein alleged to be on information and belief, and as to those matters  
I believe it to be true. The reason in every instance is made to me and not by

The grounds of my belief as to the matters so stated upon my own knowledge are as follows:

Information the foregoing statements are true and the penalties of perjury

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I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, depose and say that the within

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VERIFIED ANSWER  
TO VERIFIED  
COMPLAINT

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Defendant, PRESTIGE OF RAMSEY, INC., by its attorneys, LONDON FISCHER LLP, as and for its Verified Answer to the Verified Complaint, allege, upon information and belief, as follows:

1. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation contained in paragraphs "1", "4" and "7" of the Verified Complaint.
2. Admits each and every allegation contained in paragraphs "2", "3", "5", "6" and "8" of the Verified Complaint.
3. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraphs "9", "10" and "13" of the Verified Complaint.
4. Denies each and every allegation contained in paragraphs "11" and "12" of the Verified Complaint, and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

AS AND FOR A FIRST, SEPARATE AND DISTINCT  
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 14-A  
OF THE NEW YORK CIVIL PRACTICE LAW AND RULES

5. The accident complained of was caused in whole or in part by the culpable conduct attributable to the Plaintiff, including comparative fault and/or assumption of risk.

6. Plaintiff should be barred from recovery by reason of the fact that the subject accident was entirely the result of the culpable conduct and/or assumption of risk on the part of the Plaintiff, or, in the event that Plaintiff is entitled to recover, the amount of damages otherwise should be diminished in the proportion to which the culpable conduct and/or assumption of risk attributable to the Plaintiff bears to the culpable conduct which caused the damages.

AS AND FOR A SECOND, SEPARATE AND  
DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

7. Upon information and belief, any damages sustained by Plaintiff as alleged in the Verified Complaint, were caused by parties other than this defendant.

AS AND FOR A THIRD, SEPARATE AND  
DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

8. Any amount that may be awarded to plaintiff as against PRESTIGE OF RAMSEY, INC., must be reduced by the amount received from or indemnified by any collateral source pursuant to CPLR §4545(c).

AS AND FOR A FOURTH, SEPARATE AND  
DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

9. In the event that any person or entity liable or claimed to be liable for the injury alleged in this action has been given or may hereafter be given a release or covenant not to sue, PRESTIGE OF RAMSEY, INC., will be entitled to protection under General Obligation Law §15-108 and the corresponding reductions of any damages which may be determined to be due against PRESTIGE OF RAMSEY, INC.

AS AND FOR A FIFTH SEPARATE AND  
DISTINCT AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

10. This action is barred on the grounds that Plaintiff did not sustain a "serious injury," as defined in §5102 of the Insurance Law of the State of New York.

WHEREFORE, defendant, PRESTIGE OF RAMSEY, INC., pray that the Verified Complaint be dismissed as against it, together with the costs, expenses and disbursements incurred in the defense of this action.

Dated: New York, New York  
December 10, 2007

LONDON FISCHER LLP

By: 

Matthew K. Finkelstein  
Attorneys for Defendant  
PRESTIGE OF RAMSEY, INC.,  
59 Maiden Lane  
New York, NY 10038  
(212) 972-1000

TO: KEITH S. RINALDI, P.C.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
MARCUS MANNING  
The Rinaldi Building  
10 Arlington Avenue  
Poughkeepsie, New York 12603-1604  
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ATTORNEY'S VERIFICATION

MATTHEW K. FINKELSTEIN, being an attorney duly admitted to practice before the Courts of the State of New York, hereby affirms the following to be true under the penalties of perjury:

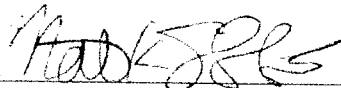
1. Affirmant is a member of the law firm LONDON FISCHER LLP, attorneys for defendant, PRESTIGE OF RAMSEY, INC., in the within action, and is fully familiar with the facts and circumstances set forth herein.

2. Affirmant has read the foregoing Verified Answer to Verified Complaint, knows the contents thereof, and the same is true to Affirmant's own knowledge, except as to those matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters Affirmant believes them to be true.

3. Affirmant further states that the reason this Verified Answer is made by the undersigned and not by the defendant is because defendant neither maintains their place of business nor is present in New York County where the Affirmant maintains his office.

4. The grounds of Affirmant's belief as to all matters not stated to be upon Affirmant's knowledge are investigative and other information contained in the file of said law firm and learned in conversation with the clients.

Dated: New York, New York  
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MATTHEW K. FINKELSTEIN

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DEMAND PURSUANT  
TO CPLR § 3017(c)

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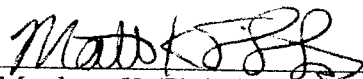
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C O U N S E L :

Defendant, PRESTIGE OF RAMSEY, INC., through its undersigned counsel,  
hereby demands that within fifteen (15) days of this request, plaintiff provide a supplemental  
demand setting forth the total damages to which the plaintiff deems himself entitled to recover  
for personal injuries.

Dated: New York, New York  
December 10, 2007

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RESPONSE TO DEMAND PURSUANT TO  
CPLR Section 3017(c)

Plaintiff, responding to the Demand Pursuant to CPLR Section 3017 (c) of defendant, PRESTIGE OF RAMSEY, INC., states as follows:

The total damages to which the plaintiff deems himself entitled to recover for personal injuries is ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York  
January 14, 2008

Yours, etc.

  
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KEITH S. RINALDI, P.C.  
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Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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LONDON FISCHER, LLP  
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New York, NY 10038

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Plaintiff

Defendant

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF ALBANY

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Jessica Miller, being duly sworn, deposes and says: deponent is over the age of eighteen (18) years; that on January 14, 2008, at 2:00 pm, at the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York in the City of Albany, New York deponent served the annexed  
Summons and Verified Complaint

on

Heather M. Charter, the Defendant in this action, by delivering to and leaving with Carol Vogt, AUTHORIZED AGENT in the Office of the Secretary of State, of the State of New York, personally at the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York, 1 true copies thereof and that at the time of making such service, deponent paid said Secretary of State a fee of 10 dollars; That said service was made pursuant to Section 253 Vehicle and Traffic Law.


Deponent further says that deponent knew the person so served as aforesaid to be the agent in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York, duly authorized to accept such service on behalf of said defendant.

Description of the person served: Approx. Age: 43 Approx. Wt: 118 Approx. Ht: 5'

Color of skin: White Hair color: Brown Sex: F Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to before me on this

18th day of January, 2008

  
DONNA M. TIDINGS  
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York  
No. 01T14898570, Qualified in Albany County  
Commission Expires June 15, 2011

  
Jessica Miller

Invoice/Work Order # SP0800242

**SERVICO, INC. - PO BOX 871 - ALBANY, NEW YORK 12201 - PH 518-463-4179**

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

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STATE OF NEW YORK )  
 )SS.:  
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS )

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, say:

I am not a party to the action, am over the age of 18 and reside in Newburgh, New York.


In accordance with NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 253:

On January 30, 2008, I served the Summons and Complaint in this action, via ordinary mail and on January 31, 2008, I served the Summons and Complaint in this action via Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested (a copy of the Mailing Receipt is annexed hereto) to the defendant, HEATHER M. CHARTER, at her last known address at :

7924B Cottage Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19136.

  
ANN-MARIE COFFEY

Sworn to before me this 31<sup>st</sup> day of  
January, 2008.

  
Notary Public  
JOSEPHINE C. VALENTE  
Notary Public, State of New York  
County of Dutchess  
Commission expires: 1-31-2010

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